Appomattox County Library

by
Verna Conner

How many of you are acquainted with the writings of Guy Friddell? His books - many of which you will find in your County Library -- are a delight to the reader. We Began at Jamestown; The Virginia Way; What Is It About Virginia and I Hate You, I Love You will all fascinate you with their portrayal of places and things dear to the heart of a Virginian.

The Richmond News Leader is fortunate in having Mr. Friddell as a columnist. Last week in "Off the Record" he brought to life an old, old book which was a joy to read at the time it was printed and is still, as the columnist says, "The funniest book ever written".

I am indebted to a friend of mine for this information. She very kindly sent me the clipping of Guy Friddell's column of March 15, and I deeply appreciate it as it brought back memories. It had often puzzled me that the "Miss Minerva books" were by different authors. This book which he reviewed is entitled, Miss Minerva and William Green Hill by Frances Boyd Calhoun. He goes on to say that Miss Calhoun died a few months after her book was published. Another Virginian Emma Speed Sampson was offered $1200 to write a sequel to it. This book was called Billy and the Major. Others by Miss Sampson (and all of these are in the library) are: Miss Minerva's Baby, Miss Minerva's Mystery Miss Minerva's Scallawags and Miss Minerva's Neighbors. They are all in big print and it takes a very little while to read one so if you wish to get rid of the blues don't fail to pick them up on your next trip to the library.

Miss Sampson also wrote Miss Minerva columns for the Richmond newspapers until her death in 1947. The University of Tennessee Press has reprinted Miss Minerva and William Green Hill. It sells for about $7. Professor Drake of this University, according to Mr. Friddell, speaks condescendingly of Mrs. Sampson's sequels but says the columnist, "We devoured them as fast as they appeared and scarcely noticed that a different author's name was on the cover."

Several books have been given to the library recently -- one which readers of trials will appreciate is "Murder by Contract" by Arthur Lewis. It is about the murder of Jacob Yablonski and his wife and daughter by United Mine Workers Tony Boyle and others. It is gruesome, but depicts a brilliant courtroom strategy and the hard work that the Prosecuting Attorney put into this trial before finally convicting the ring leader.

Another gift to the library is the new book by a local author, Traphes Bryant, called "Dog Days at the White House". Mr. Bryant kept a diary of his days at the White House from his first job as a resident electrician in 1951 to his final role as electrician plus official keeper of the presidential dogs. This is entertaining reading but it makes one wonder how a president ever gets time to be "on the job" as he spends so much of it with his canine friends. Then too, as the dogs never seem to be housebroken, one wonders what it costs the taxpayers to maintain such an expensive hobby. During the Eisenhower Administration a $20,000 rug had to be discarded on account of the dogs lack of manners.

The Friends of the Library met one night recently and made plans for future improvements. If you have joined and have not paid your dues will you please leave them with the librarian. Also make a point of seeing either Mary Bartelt, Janet Noble or someone in the Sorority who will take your money for the "Drop Box" at the library. Don't let your Appomattox Library down. Other places are getting ahead of us and we can't have that.

Young Hearts Club Meeting

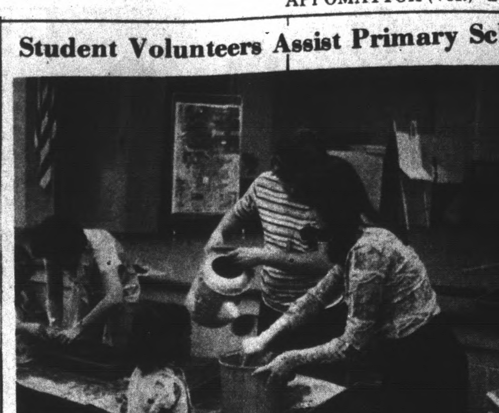
Rocks Baptist Church was the meeting place for the Young Hearts Club on March 25, with thirty-seven members and three visitors present. Mrs. Helen Gunter, president, presided over the meeting which was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Don Wagner, host church pastor.

After roll call and the business session Mr. Wagner, accompanied by Mrs. Wagner at the piano, led the group in the singing of hymns suggested by different ones. Then he rendered several solos which everyone enjoyed. Having charge of the program, he gave a most inspiring talk on the subject of the art of living. Mr. Wagner cited points to guide one in making life a happy and fruitful one. He warned never to look back on the past, but to wear a happy smile and to live for something. He and Mrs. Wagner joined the club as members.

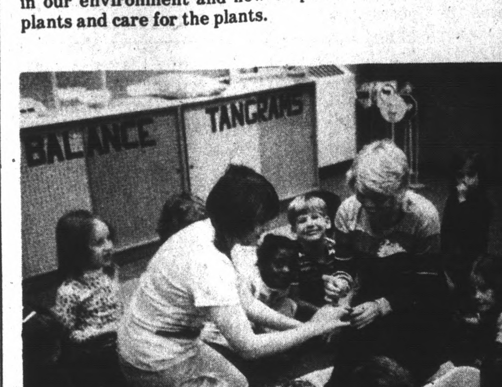
Mrs. Gunter informed the group that she had investigated the cost of two trips which might be of interest to members: one to Monticello and another to Chinquapin Plantation. The choice will be made in May. An invitation to visit the azalea garden of Mrs. Percy F. Staton in Lynchburg was extended the club. The date will be announced later and this will serve as the April meeting.

After a closing prayer by the Rev. Henry Riley, everyone enjoyed lunch in the social hall of the church.

Student Volunteers Assist Primary School



Steve Cawthorne and Carol McFaden, students at ACHS, visited the Appomattox Primary School on Friday, March 26. They taught the kindergarten children the importance of plants in our environment and how to plant seeds, transplant small plants and care for the plants.



Pictured above with the high school students are Mrs. Sheri B. Hicks and Miss Norma Gallier, both student teachers from Longwood College. They are presently working in the Kindergarten Program at Appomattox Primary School.

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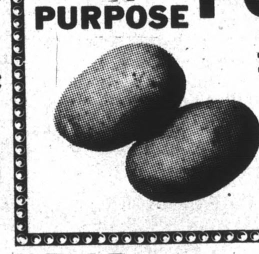

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

No complaints about the week end weather. A bit chilly, a little windy, but I agreed with the friend who was up early and greeted me with the statement, "It's going to be another lovely day."

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Chuckling good story . . . from an exchange paper . . . a lady hired someone to plant her garden. The rows were all ready and the worker was dispatched to the basement to get some fertilizer from a bag already opened. Just in the nick of time, the lady discovered that the worker had come out with a bag of mortar cement instead of fertilizer. Well, does look about the same, but what would have happened after the next rain had the cement been used!

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The **Times-Virginian** recently carried some pictures of former Appomattox baseball teams and asked about identification. I had two calls. Lathan Harvey, a former star player himself, and "Rabbitt" Cawthorne, a fine sports enthusiast. Each reeled off such names as J. C. Caldwell, "Goose" Tucker, James St. Clair, Click McKenna, Joe Overman, Gordon Bragg, Shearer Robertson, Robert Toney, Dick Tate, Al Horton, Tommy Berry, Vernell Mitchell, Dave Campbell. And a phone call I answered came up with a question, "Have WE got him?" Turned out the caller knew I was a New York Yankee fan and wanted to know if the star pitcher, Messersmith, would be wearing the famed pin stripes this season. Ah yes, baseball is around the corner with Thursday the kick-off date.

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Everyone I know by the name of Ed Harvey is okeh. Especially the Ed Harvey of near Hixburg, on the Prince Edward line. A day or so ago, there was knock on my door on famous Martha Street, and a fine gentleman and his wife were there, so I invited them in. Said that there had been a mention in a Father Darkleaf column that I had to go to the store one morning to purchase some eggs before breakfast, and they did not want that to happen again. They brought a dozen of the largest and best brown eggs I ever saw, or ate. Heavens to Betsy, thanks, and to show off, I buttered the skillet and fried my very own eggs for breakfast! Also brought some fine spring onions. The Harveys stayed for a pleasant visit and we chatted about one of the finest areas in the world and our mutual friends in the Hixburg section.

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Speaking of eating, Brightleaf and I got into a discussion on the topic . . . of all the places you have eaten, where would you prefer to go for one more meal? Truthfully, I could say . . . "Home." But Brightleaf voted for the main dining room at Hotel Roanoke. I voted for Antoine's in New Orleans, although Rods Steak House in Williams, Arizona; The Hunting Room or Jack Dempsey's restaurant in New York, the Biltmore in Los Angeles, The Oasis at Nags Head, Wedgewood at St. Pete, or the Francis Marion in Charleston, or the Inn at Warm Springs. America loves to "eat out" and there are so many superior places. Appomattox has its share, with both food and service at its best.

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My alma mater, University of Richmond is featuring a "Our Time is History" development project. On the committee for this area is Bro. William S. Kerr, of Appomattox.

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Well, I did not get to the alumnac, radishes or lots of other notes, but it has been nice chatting with you and thanks for reading. Seeya next week.

The Appomattox County Young Farmer Soil Judging team was the winner of the Southside Area Young Farmer Soil Juding Contest held Thursday, April 1, at the National Historical Park. Pictured above are the members of the winning team and their coaches. (Left to right) Phil Krajewski, R. E. McClenny, Soil Conservationist for Appomattox County and coach, Dennis Jones, Joey Bondurant, and B. K. Waddell, coach and advisor of the Appomattox County Young Farmer Association.

Appomattox Young Farmers Win In Soils Judging

The Appomattox County Young Farmers soils judging team was overall winner in the Southside Area YF Soils Judging Contest at the Appomattox National Historical Park April 1. Members of the winning team are Joey Bondurant, Dennis Jones, and Phil Krajewski. B. K. Waddell is the team coach.

In individual scoring, Phil Krajewski placed first; Dennis Jones second; and Edwin Conner of Clover third. In fourth place was Broadus Hart, Nottoway. Fifth place went to Louis Ingram, Halifax Central.

The second place team was Clover. Nottoway County placed third and Halifax Central fifth. Soils judging includes skills and knowledge of top soils, subsoils, drainage, water holding capacity, percolation and land classes. Contestants are required to make recommendations for the most desirable crops to produce, cultivation, fertilization and soil conservaton practices.

K. E. Fussell and Warren Friend of the Soil Conservation Service selected the sites for the contest and made official placings. B. K. Waddell instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox County High School, was in charge of local arrangements.

Sheriff's Department To Check County Decal Stickers

Sheriff J. E. Richardson, of the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department, has announced that his Deputies will be holding checking details throughout the county during the next month.

The purpose is to check for any out-of-date stickers on those vehicles that should have county stickers and the owners have not purchased them.

Each county resident owning a motor vehicle is required to obtain a county sticker, which should have been purchased by March 31, 1976. These stickers were to be affixed to the windshield of the motor vehicle for which they were purchased by April 1, 1976.

Appomattox C.H. National Historical Park To Observe 111 Anniversary Of Surrender

An anniversary observance marking the end of the Civil War will take place at Appomattox Court House National Historical park this week end.

April 9 - Friday - 10 a.m. - Talk on Battle of Appomattox Court House at Confederate Cemetery; 1:30 p.m. - Talk on Surrender at McLean House.

April 10 and 11 - Saturday and Sunday - A 50-minute film depicting the closing events of the Civil War and Surrender at Appomattox will be shown in the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Park tours also are scheduled on April 10 and 11 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

April 12 - Monday - 10 a.m. - Lecture and tour on the Confederate surrender parade at Surrender Triangle.

Entrance fees of one dollar per car is collected under authority of the Soil and Water Conservation Act for admission to the park from April 1 through October.

THE NEW PAMPLIN POST OFFICE, located at the site of the former Dr. Lukin home, opened for business the 27th of March. The 2,320; square foot building, owned by Stuart Farrar, was constructed by J. E. Sears & Company of Appomattox and there is ample customer parking space available. Other than the workers in the post office, the staff includes two rural carriers and one Star Route carrier in addition to a rural branch at Madisonville. Lloyd Richardson, Postmaster at Pamplin, expresses appreciation to postal customers for patience shown during the construction period.

Jaycees Plan Second Annual Bluegrass Festival

The Appomattox County Jaycees are making final plans now for their Second Annual Jaycee Bluegrass Festival. The Festival will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5 at Paradise Lake, located about eight miles west of Appomattox off of Rt. 460.

The Jaycees have been working on this project for about two months and most of the preliminary work has been completed such as contracting bands, securing vending companies, securing County and Health Dept. permits, and etc. Site preparation will begin soon which will consist of stage erection, lighting, water, camping area improvements and etc.

The Jaycees put a lot of work into this project last year and are doing so again this year. Their purpose is two-fold. One is to raise money to help in community development and two is to provide good, clean family entertainment for the week end. The Jaycees urge you and your family to attend all or part of this festival and enjoy that good old Bluegrass music that partly originated in Appomattox County. Six professional bands are scheduled to perform that week end. Watch future editions of the **Times-Virginian** for more information on the Second Annual Appomattox County Jaycee Bluegrass Festival.

Bicentennial Concert Planned For July 4

The Appomattox County Ministerial Association, in cooperation with the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission, are planning to present a community concert of drama and music on Sunday evening, July 4, 1976 at the Appomattox County High School.

The Drama and Music is The Fabric of Freedom.

There will be a meeting for persons participating on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church. Mrs. Joyce Vaughan will be the music director and the Rev. Don Wagner will direct the drama.

Everyone interested in taking part in this concert should be present at this meeting.

55% OF BOY SCOUT FUND DRIVE REACHED

On Tuesday of this week a total of $1,236.15 or 55% of the total goal set for the county Boby Scout Fund Drive had been reached.

All campaign workers are urged to make their solicitations within the next week and turn the money into one of the chairmen. If you have not been contacted for a donation and would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please mail in your donation to either W. M. Abbitt or Ivey Holland, co-chairmen for the Boy Scout Fund Drive.

Tourists Spent More In County In 1975

RICHMOND, VA. - The county of Appomattox played a significant part in Virginia's posting of a record-high $1,450,000,000 travel year in 1975, according to a study released by the Virginia State Travel Service.

Expenditures by all travelers in the county amounted to $1,785,000, or 8.3 percent of the county's retail business. Local sales tax generated by these travelers is included in this figure.

Total sales for travel - related businesses here amounted to $7,125,000. or 33.2 percent of retail business.

According to the Virginia travel report, prepared by Dr. Lewis C. Copeland, College of Business Administration at the University of Tennessee, there are 59 active firms in the county involved in the travel and tourism business, with 214 owners and workers. These businesses include hotels and lodging places, eating and drinking places, recreation including movie theaters, auto services, gasoline stations and passenger carriers.

Statewide, the $1.45 billion in expenditures recorded by the Old Dominion's travel industry represented an increase of $200,000,000 over receipts in 1974, an increase of 16 percent. Dr. Copeland's report noted that Virginia's growth rate was six percent greater than the national average, and four percent greater than the average increase in the South Atlantic region.

The report also states that out-of-state travelers made 51 million person-trips to or through Virginia last year - reflecting a four percent increase over 1974 - and spent an estimated $854 million. Virginians traveling within the state spent $592 million.

According to the report, travel spending in Virginia accounted for nine percent of total retail sales. Travel spending fully supported 67,000 fulltime jobs for Virginians and helped to support 93,570 more, for a total of 160,570 persons who work in travel-related businesses in Virginia, or 17 percent of the total workforce in private commerce.

Indicating the growth of travel in Virginia over the past several years, the report showed that total travel spending has risen from $190 million in 1948 to $1.45 billion in 1975. Concerning expenditures only by out-of-state travelers to or through Virginia, the figure has risen from $113 million in 1948 to $854 million in 1975.

On a projectable basis, the report predicts that travel spending in Virigina will reach $1.99 billion in $1980. Such variables as energy availability are not taken into account.

Lions Set White Cane Days For April 9-10

Local Lions, along with many others from clubs throughout South Central Virginia, will conduct their annual fund raising "White Cane Days" sale on April 9 and 10. Making final plans for the two-day fund-drive, shown above, left to right, are Lions Club members Marvin J. House, Jr., R. Murrell Ferguson, Samuel B. Waddell, President; J. Franklin Vaughan, 3rd Vice-President and General Chairman of White Cane Sales; Garland Gaines and Francis Elliott. The local Lions have a goal of $1,000, proceeds will be used to support sight conservation and restoration programs locally, and to provide financial assistance to the Old Dominion Eye Bank and Research, Inc., a Lions sponsored non-profit organization.

On Friday, April 9, local Lions will be stationed downtown at the Farmers National Bank and Fidelity National Bank from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. and from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. members will be at Wilbun's Super Market and at Kings Market. Members will be seeking contributions on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Kings Market and at Wilbun's Super Market. When you make a donation to the "White Cane Days" fund-drive you will in return receive a little white cane, symbol of the sightless, to stick on your lapel.

Members of the Appomattox Lions Club will also have available eye donor cards for anyone wishing to pledge their eyes on death to the eye bank for sight restoring purposes.

Help the Lions help the blind. Get your white cane on April 9 or 10 from any member of the Lions Club.

Farm Bureau Sets Spring Meeting

Appomattox County Farm Bureau will hold its annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria. Farm Bureau will furnish ham, drinks, plates, napkins, etc. and members are being asked to bring other foods they enjoy for this covered dish meal.

The Women's Committee is sponsoring an all cotton or cotton blend Dress Revue again at this annual meeting. If you have not already entered and wish to do so, you may call Mrs. R. K. Martin.

GET COPY IN EARLY

The **Times-Virginian** is asking that if you have pictures, news articles or correspondence to be published in the newspaper to please get the copy in to the office at your earliest convenience. We have typesetters working on Friday of each week on copy for the next edition and it would be very helpful to have as much copy on hand as possible.

We know in many cases, it is impossible to submit news as early as Thursday or Friday (week before it is to be published) but the sooner we get it, the better the chance of "getting your copy in". When everything is turned in on Tuesday it is very hard to promise space.

REMEMBER OSHA

Just a reminder to those who want to attend the seminar of the Federal Government's Occupational Safety and Health Act. It will be held on Tuesday, April 13 from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the Appomattox County High School. A fee of $2.50 per person to cover expenses is payable that night or can be charged to your business.

Golf Tournament Set At FRCC

The Falling River Country Club will hold its first tournament of the season, the number - member event, on May 1 and 2, 1976.

Members desiring to play in this event may register at the club house and indicate whether they wish to play in the morning or afternoon, beginning at noon Friday, April 9th. Flights will determine the "tee off" time for play on Sunday, May 2.

Registration will close April 27 or sooner should the sixty-couple sign up be completed at an earlier date.

Entry fee will be four dollars ($4.00) per member and tournament play is open to all members 16 years old and over. Carts must be reserved in advance.

Ties for first place in any flight will result in actual play off. In the event of a tie in second and third place, matched cards will be used starting with the first hole on the last day of play.

Members are asked to register early.

Registration Open At R.E. Lee Academy

Registration is open at Robert E. Lee Academy for the 1976-77 term. The Academy's new building is located on Route 1, Road 727, one and one-half miles from Appomattox. For the 1976-77 term, the 8th grade will be added. R. E. Lee Academy now offers Kindergarten for 4 and 5 year olds and school for students from grade 1 through 8.

Devotions are had each day in individual classrooms and special chapel services every week by pastors of the community.

Anyone interested is invited to see the school and talk with the teachers with no obligation.

Registration is open from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Academy. For further information, call 352-8758 or 352-7748.

photo by Joe Vaughan

Pamela Louise Chenault

"Miss Appomattox" - 1976

With ten lovely young ladies competing Saturday evening in bathing suit, talent, and evening dress competition for the title of MISS APPOMATTOX - 1976, Miss Pamela Louise Chenault was selected for the title by a team of judges and crowned MISS APPOMATTOX by Miss Lynn White, the former MISS APPOMATTOX.

Nancy Carol Chambers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wayne Jones, a sophomore at Longwood College was 1st Runner-Up and Sandy Chambers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Chambers, a senior at Appomattox County High School, was named 2nd Runner-Up.

Pam, the new MISS APPOMATTOX, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chenault of Appomattox, is a junior at Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital School of Nursing and plans to work toward her B.S. degree. She was 1st Runner-Up in the 1975 pageant.

She will represent Appomattox County in various events during the coming year and will participate as a contestant in the "Miss Virginia" pageant in Roanoke.

The MISS APPOMATTOX pageant is sponsored annually by the Appomattox Woman's Club. The Appomattox Beauty Shop was the sponsor of Miss Chenault in the pageant.

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